

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1355
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CGHS DISPENSARIES IN CHANDIGARH
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the staff and services provided at Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) dispensaries at Chandigarh are grossly inadequate to meet the needs of the entitled beneficiaries in the city;
- (b) if so, the action taken to make the dispensaries self-sufficient;
- (c) whether the serving employees have demanded reversion to earlier system of medical expenses - reimbursement till the time the CGHS dispensary is able to meet their needs; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): At present, one full-fledged CGHS dispensary is functioning in Chandigarh with the full complement of staff. Orders have also been issued for the posting of two additional doctors at CGHS, Chandigarh so as to provide relief to the beneficiaries attached to the dispensary.

(c)&(d): Prior to the introduction of CGHS facilities in Chandigarh in the year 2002, the Central Govt. employees in Chandigarh were getting their medical cover under the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944.

When the lone CGHS dispensary in Chandigarh was opened in 2002, the dispensary had a covered area of 5 kms radius. This resulted in excessive load on the dispensary and some of the employees Associations in Chandigarh filed cases in CAT, Chandigarh requesting to get their medical coverage under CS(MA) Rules, 1944 even though their place of residence was covered by the lone CGHS dispensary. However, the Govt. have since reduced the covered area of the above dispensary from 5 kms to 3 kms radius so that the number of beneficiaries attached to the dispensary is reduced and this would help in providing better facilities to the beneficiaries.

The Hon'ble CAT, Chandigarh has not as yet given its final order on the court cases filed by the employees Associations.